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For: FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN ION EXCHANGE
RESIN AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT

Date: August 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir,

This is in response to a restriction requirement dated July 26, 2001. This Response is being submitted timely and no fee is believed to be due, however should a fee be due please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0455. In view of the following remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the present Application under 35 U.S.C. §121 by requiring an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall